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State Water Resources Control Board

February 10, 2016

(Via email and Certified Mail)

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**SUBJECT: FAILURE TO COMPLY; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS
LOCATED AT 16111 PLUMMER STREET, NORTH HILLS**

Dear Mr. Olson:

As of the date of this letter, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has not received a response to our December 4, 2015 Notice of Violation (NOV)(attached). You are directed to correct the ongoing violations identified in the NOV and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and the Los Angeles City Fire Department within ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

Mr. Thomas Henderson
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814
tom.henderson@waterboards.ca.gov

Local CUPA

Mr. Brian Halley
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Failure to comply with this notice may result in an enforcement action by the State Water Board. The State Water Board reserves the right to bring an action against the owner and/or operator of the tank(s) in violation, or it may recommend that the Los Angeles City Fire Department pursue enforcement, or the Los Angeles City Fire Department may elect to pursue enforcement independently.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at Amantha.Henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Amantha Henkel
Senior Environmental Scientist
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement

Attachment: December 4, 2015 Notice of Violation

cc: *(via email only)*

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Dear Mr. Olson:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on November 17, 2015 pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Maintain Operating Permit – A current Permit to Operate was not available at time of inspection.	All	September 30, 2015	Ongoing	H&SC 25284(a)
2	Failure to Maintain Release Response Plan On-Site – A Response Plan was not available at time of inspection.	All	November 17, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2712(i)
3	Failure to Maintain Monitoring Plan On-Site – A monitoring plan was not available at time of inspection.	All	November 17, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2712(i)
4	Failure to Maintain Plot Plan On-Site – Plot plan was not available at time of inspection.	All	November 17, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2712(i)

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5	Failure to Maintain Tank and Facility Information Forms On Site – Tank Forms A and B were not available at time of inspection and incorrect information was presented in CERS.	All	November 17, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2712(i)
6	Failure to Perform Employee Training by the Designated Operator – Annual employee training records were available at time of inspection; however only two people are trained for a 24-hour facility.	All	November 17, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2715(f)
7	Failure to Maintain Secondary Containment – Secondary containment test indicated failures during the testing performed in 2014. Repairs and retesting have not been performed.	All	September 23, 2014	Ongoing	23 CCR 2637(a)
8	Failure to Maintain Records – Maintenance records and monitoring system alarm logs were not available at the time of inspection.	All	November 17, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2712(b)
9	Failure to Maintain Monitoring System – Leak detection system at Building 40 indicated a tank gauge alarm for the associated tank.	Tank 4	November 17, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)

The Los Angeles City Fire Department (LACFD) issued this facility a Notice of Violation dated November 11, 2015. This facility cannot return to compliance until all violations noted on both notices are corrected.

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and the LACFD within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

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